

PETER T. LANGAN HOUSE
CAIRO, ILLINOIS

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Peter T. Langan House, Cairo, Illinois.
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The Peter T. Langan House was erected in Cairo immediately following the close of the Civil War, being completed about 1869. Mr. Langan was a man of wealth and influence, and this home befitted his station.

The house was built by a Mr. Gallagher, the heavy, ornate and uneasy style of its Architecture being expressive of the taste of its time. Its prototype is found in all parts of the country.

The Drawing Room is said to have been inspired by the Blue Room of the White House. Perhaps the Blue Room did look like it once, but the famous room of the White House has little resemblance to its offspring now.

This subject is not represented by drawings, the photographic record being made to show what was considered a fine home of the period.

The Langan Home became the center of social life in Cairo. General and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant were entertained here shortly after their return from Europe. They had the two south bed rooms, and here were displayed eleven trunks full of gifts from Europe.

Mrs. Peter T. Langan owns and occupies the building.

Reference: Mrs. P.T. Langan and Miss Effie Lansden
Librarian, Cairo, Illinois.

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